

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Monday, June 23, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30p.m.

Present: Becky Ballard, Ruth Perfido, Lisa Sprague, Paul Deane and Bill McKernan. Also present were Leonard Perfido, Barbara Baldwin, and Gloria Redlich, BI Times, Chris Blansfield, and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not Present: George Mellor, Heather Hatfield

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Ms. Perfido.

Public Input – none

Approval of minutes from June 9, 2014 – This was postponed to the next meeting.

Planning discussion for 2014-2015 hunt season, both development of a possible reimbursement program for qualified BI resident hunters and development of a professional cull. Mr. Blansfield provided the following memo on hunter qualifications for discussion:

1. Island resident with valid RI local hunting license for five yrs.
2. three references from local hunters
3. purchased tags in the last three years
4. should have hunting permissions on thirty or more acres
5. must agree to use a voluntary check station located at police station

And provide all data proving deer was taken on BI
Other recommendations are a DTF liaison to manage acquisition of parts and Data, Weekly re-imbursement for deer taken.

Discussed were:

- Whether the program would run for the entire hunting season
- Would reimbursement for non-edible deer parts would be structured-only and then to include all deer after a certain number # of kills.
- The proposed reimbursement of \$150 a deer, which would include all out of pocket costs.
- Can someone be hired for #1,3,4.
- Should the requirement be 10 permission slips or 3 acres
- Age requirement of at least 21.
- Hunters would include bow and arrow who meet qualification.

Discussion about having a professional cull leaned towards not having a cull for 2014-2015. This will be discussed and acted on at the next Deer Task Force meeting on July 9, 2014.

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. McKernan and seconded by Paul Deane to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 8/12/2014

Bonny Ryan